

A bill for relief of J. Thomas, assignee of D. Murphy. Read 2nd time. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

The Senate then adjourned until 10 o'clock tomorrow A. M.

Tuesday, December 31, 1861.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. Journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

A message was received from the House informing the Senate of the passage of the following bills:

Bill to amend an Act to ascertain and adjudicate certain legal claims for land against the State situated between the Nueces River and the Rio Grande, approved February 16, 1860. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to amend the 1st and 10th sections of an Act to authorize the sale of the public domain. Read 1st time, rule suspended. Read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule further suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

A bill to punish speculation in certain cases. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Judiciary Committee.

A bill authorizing and empowering the County Courts of Hill and Navarro Counties to convert to the use and benefit of said counties certain unmarked and unbranded cattle. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill to confirm Bounty Land Warrant No. 1551 issued to Andrew Benner for 240 acres. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill to prescribe the time, manner, and place of choosing Senators to the Congress of the Confederate States. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Joint resolution to provide for the purchase of powder. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Joint resolution providing for the sale of Oldham & White's Digest. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A bill to consolidate in one and amend the several Acts incorporating the City of Houston. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

A bill for relief of Thomas F. Smith. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill donating 50 acres of land to the Carrasco School. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Education.

A bill for relief of heirs of Lewis Powell. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Private Land Claims.

A bill authorizing the issuance of Duplicate Land Warrants Nos. 3487 and 17230. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Claims and Accounts.

Messrs. McDowell, Pickett, Davis, Bagley, and Maverick had been appointed a Committee on Conference on a bill making Confederate bonds and Treasury notes a legal tender. The House had refused to pass the bill for relief of Honorable N. M. Burford.

Mr. Harcourt, Chairman of Judiciary Committee, reported the following bills and recommended their passage:

Bill to authorize the withdrawal from the General Land Office of deeds issued on paper of the 2nd seal.

Bill providing for summary proceeding against justices of the peace in certain cases.

Bill legalizing the acts of Alexander Birdsong, notary public for Panola County.

Bill to authorize the Supreme Court to take up out of its order and decide the case of A. C. Horton, *et al.*, vs. the County of Wharton, *et al.*

Bill supplemental and amendatory of Act prescribing the manner of authenticating instruments of record.

Bill prohibiting owners or employers of slaves from placing them in charge of farms or stock ranches detached, &c.

And the following bills recommending that they do not pass:

Bill for relief of T. B. Beck, William Custard, Abner Matthews, and A. H. Cook.

Bill for applying the taxes of Galveston County to the payment of certain monies advanced for public purposes, recommending its reference to Finance Committee. Report adopted.

Bill to amend an Act prescribing the mode of establishing the liabilities of endorsers and drawers of bills of exchange, &c., &c., recommending that it do not pass. Also, bill for relief of Eli Kirk and bill to regulate county advertising in newspapers in certain cases.

Mr. Guinn offered the following resolution: **“Resolved,** That the Secretary of the Senate in giving certificates of mileage be governed as far as practicable by the table of distance to be found on page 538 of the journals of the

8th Legislature, and that the action of the Secretary under this resolution be spread on the journal." Mr. Guinn altered his resolution to read as follows: "that the Secretary be required to give to each Senator a certificate for mileage for the number of miles he may claim and place the same on the journals."

The Committee on Private Land Claims reported and recommended the passage of bill for the relief of Lipscomb Norvell.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills reported the following correctly engrossed:

Bill supplementary to an Act incorporating the Southern Pacific Railroad Company.

Bill for relief of John Thomas, assignee of D. Murphy.

Mr. Finlay offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Committee on Finance be instructed to inquire into the expediency or necessity of making an appropriation for the necessary expenses incurred in removing the records of the Supreme Court from Galveston to Houston, &c." Adopted.

Mr. Finlay offered the following resolution: "**Resolved**, That the Committee on Printing and Contingent Expenses be instructed to make provision for the payment of the postage and other accounts against the State." Adopted.

Mr. Selman introduced a bill to define and establish permanently the northern boundary of Wood County. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on County Boundaries.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills reported correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor a bill for relief of Eastern Texas Railroad Company.

Mr. Guinn offered joint resolution suspending the 25th section of a certain Act therein named. Read 1st and 2nd times and ordered to be engrossed.

Messrs. Harcourt, Guinn, and Shepard were appointed a Committee of Conference on bill making Confederate bonds and Treasury notes a legal tender.

A bill repealing an Act accepting the propositions of the United States relative to the boundary of Texas made special order for 7 o'clock P. M.

Bill for relief of Lipscomb Norvell. Read 2nd time and ordered to be engrossed. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Weatherford introduced a bill for relief of N. M. Burford. Read 1st and 2nd times and referred to Committee on Finance.

Mr. Lea, Chairman of Committee on Finance, reported

back to the Senate a bill to amend Act authorizing unpaid warrants on the Treasury to bear interest as obnoxious to constitutional objections for multiplicity of objects and other reasons and presented two bills as a better mode of accomplishing the objects sought, viz.:

A bill to prescribe what kinds of funds may be received for public dues.

A bill to amend an Act authorizing unpaid Treasury warrants to bear interest and to regulate the same. The bills were taken up and considered.

A bill to prescribe what kinds of funds may be received for public dues. Read 2nd time. Mr. Guinn proposed the following amendment: insert in 5th line, 2nd section, "including fees for patents and land dues payable in General Land Office." Adopted.

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Senate met, roll called, quorum present.

Mr. Weatherford offered the following resolution: "WHEREAS, it has become apparent that the Governor has very properly determined that this Legislature shall not receive any compensation for their services, and WHEREAS the 9th Legislature heartily approves of this economical policy and desires to extend it to all the functionaries of the Government, therefore, **Resolved, the House concurring**, That this Legislature adjourn *sine die* on the 2nd day of January next at 9 o'clock A. M."

Mr. Erath offered the following as a substitute: "**Resolved**, That it is the sense of this Senate that the members thereof receive no pay or mileage for the present session and the next two years." Resolution and substitute were laid on table by the following vote:

YEAS — Messrs. Boyd, Branch, Crawford of Fannin, Darden, Durant, Erath, Graham, Guinn, Harcourt, Houston, Lea, Moore, Obenchain, Reed, Scarborough, Selman, Shelley, and Shepard—18.

NAYS — Messrs. Beasley, Burnett, Casey, Crawford of Jasper, Finlay, Mitchell, Parsons, Weatherford, and Wheeler—9.

The Committee on Enrolled Bills reported the following bills correctly enrolled, properly signed, and presented to the Governor:

Bill to authorize the Governor to appoint Commissioners of Deeds in the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, and Creek Nations of Indians.

Bill for relief of Mrs. Martha Brennan.

The Committee on Military Affairs reported the following bills and recommended their passage:

Joint resolution providing for auditing the claims of Captain Sansom's company of volunteers.

A bill for the payment of Captain Milton Webb's Company of Mounted Volunteers.

The boundary repeal bill being special order, Mr. Durant moved to postpone further consideration until 4th March, 1862, which motion was laid on the table.

Mr. Hartley offered substitute for bill and substitute of Mr. Guinn. Mr. Finlay moved to lay the bill and substitutes on the table. A division of the question being called, Mr. Hartley's substitute was tabled. The Senate refused to table the substitute of Mr. Guinn, whereupon further consideration of the subject was postponed until 11th January next.

Senate adjourned until 9½ o'clock A. M. tomorrow.

Wednesday, January 1, 1862.

Senate met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by the Chaplain, roll called, quorum present. The journal of yesterday was read and adopted.

Mr. Weatherford, Chairman of Committee on Private Land Claims, reported the following bills and recommended their passage:

Bill for relief of George W. Glassock, assignee of Wood.

Bill for relief of Thomas F. Smith, and bill for relief of William C. Reed, recommending that it do not pass.

Mr. Hartley, chairman of Committee on State Affairs, reported bill to authorize the County Court of Collin County to levy special tax for the erection of a court house therein and recommended its passage. Report taken up. Bill read 2nd time and passed to 3rd reading. Rule suspended, read 3rd time and passed.

Mr. Guinn, Chairman of Committee on Claims and Accounts, reported bill authorizing the issuance of Duplicate Warrants Nos. 3487 and 17320 and recommended it do not pass.

Mr. Reed, Chairman of Committee on County Boundaries, reported a bill to define and permanently establish the northern boundary line of Wood County and recommend its passage.

The Committee on Penitentiary reported a bill to re-